

## **Richard Dahl, Rail Professional, Passes Away** **Served as GM for Veolia Transportation in Sprinter Rail, San Diego**

**July 19, 2013, - Escondido, CA** – Long-time Connex Railroad and Veolia Transportation employee, Richard (Rick) Dahl, who served most recently as the General Manager for the North County Transit District Sprinter operation in northern San Diego, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident the day before.

Rick joined the Connex subsidiary of Veolia in 2005 as a Trainmaster for Metrolink in Southern California and quickly moved up the ranks as a Senior Transportation Manager and Assistant General Manager before being appointed as Sprinter General Manager in 2009.

“Rick was greatly respected and loved by his colleagues, friends and family. He was a true railroader and a man of great integrity. He had an open heart and a helping hand for those who needed it. We all grieve at this tragic loss,” said Don Saunders, Veolia’s Chief Operating Officer for Rail.

Rick had a very successful 22 year career in the rail industry and brought to Connex and the Sprinter operations, vast knowledge and skills in many areas including rail safety, compliance and training.

“Rick was a consummate professional. He ran a high quality service operation and was well respected in the rail industry,” said Ron Hartman, CEO of Veolia’s Rail Division.

With all his career achievements, Rick cherished most his role as father to his college-aged daughters, Amy and Anna, with whom he was very close. In addition to his daughters, Rick is survived by his mother Barbara, brother Dan, and long-time girlfriend, Marlyss.

The family is planning a “Celebration of Life” in Rick’s honor to be held Saturday, July 20, at 1:30 p.m. at San Luis Rey Downs, 31474 Golf Club Drive in Bonsall, CA 90023. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Richard Dahl be made at [www.semperfifund.org](http://www.semperfifund.org).

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